

## WAR TALK RULES SUPREME EVERYWHERE IN LONDON

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### FRIDAY'S NEWS MADE A SENSATION

A Parliamentary Election With the Boer War as An Issue Now Being Fought—Inoculation of Troops Against Fever.

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LONDON, Oct. 21.—War talk reigns supreme everywhere in England. London is teeming with people, notable socially, but what cares London for society when troops are pouring into transports and when everybody from her majesty down is saying "good-bye," "God bless you," and "Good luck to you." The newsboys are fairly reveling in their "Orrible slaughters," and the ordinary pacific stockbrokers talk incessantly of strategic and military tactics.

There is nothing of the traditional shopkeeper element visible in British character since the first shot was fired.

A multitude of military details flood all classes of publications and almost every body who has ever been in South Africa takes the first opportunity to air his views as to the fighting capabilities of the Boers, the result being a marvelous mass of conflicting theories.

The news of yesterday's fighting in Natal made a tremendous sensation, and the pluck and dash of the Kings Royal Rifles and the Dublin Fusiliers greatly stimulated the universal enthusiasm. The total British force at Camp Glencoe, according to reports immediately preceding the announcement of the engagement include the Eighteenth Hussars, the Natal mounted volunteers, the first battalion of the Leicestershire regiment, the Devonshire regiment, the First Kings Royal Rifles, the Second Dublin Fusiliers, the Dorsetshire regiment, several companies of mounted infantry and three field batteries, a total of about 4,000 men, opposed to a Boer force estimated at about twice that number and possibly reaching a higher figure. This very disparity between the combatants gives an additional element of fascination to the history of the day.

Probably no other officer in the British army has seen more fighting than General Sir William Penn Symonds, the commander of the fourth division under General Sir George Stewart White. Certainly none has seen more India and the campaigns in Burma and Zululand revealed his splendid qualities in the most brilliant fashion. The forthcoming parliamentary bye-

election in Tower Hamlets, London, is being fought strictly on Boer and anti-Boer lines. The liberal candidate, Harold Spencer, declares that the war was brought about as much by the blundering of the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, as by the obstinacy of the Transvaal government. On the other hand, the conservative candidate, William Guthrie, asserts that the scandalous arrogance of the Boers was alone responsible for the hostilities. Both join in a wish that victory may attend the British arms, but this does not deter the electors from creating a little war of their own.

One of the most curious features of the mobilization has been the inoculating of the troops against fever. This was not made compulsory, but the company commanders were instructed to urge the men to allow themselves to be inoculated and most of them have undergone the ordeal.

Although medical men differ greatly as to the utility of the virus, the percentage of fever in the British ranks will be eagerly watched by foreign military experts. Should it turn out to be remarkably small, it is more than likely that all the European troops will be inoculated before going to countries infested by the enteric fever germs.

The war office continues to receive offers for volunteers service from all parts of the country. Colonel Sir Charles Edward Howard Vincent has officially repeated his proposal to raise a thousand marksmen for service in South Africa at his own expense. Colonel Vincent is to command one of the Queen's Westminster volunteers, one of the crack regiments, and ever since his offer was first published he has been inundated with requests from those anxious to serve.

Many of the applicants are of good social position, including several clergymen. They hail from points as far apart as Bombay, Halifax and San Francisco. A Canadian offered Colonel Vincent to bear the entire expense of 500 men throughout the campaign.

One of the problems left entirely to General Sir Redvers Buller in supreme command is the punishment of non-combatants who take part in the hostilities.

### PREPARING FOR HOMEWARD TRIP

#### SHAMROCK IN ERIE BASIN

Sir Thomas Says Columbia is a Wonderful Boat—He Praises American Sportsmen.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—The Shamrock now lies off the Statue of Liberty in the upper bay, ready to go into Erie basin tomorrow, there to be stripped and receive her jury rig for her trip back to Glasgow, in about a week hence. The victorious Columbia was towed to New Rochelle, there to be stripped and laid up in the near future.

No victorious yacht ever received such a demonstration as did the Columbia and her consort as she passed up the harbor. Every steamer that had steam, every vessel that had a flag, saluted her.

Sir Thomas Lipton, when seen by an Associated Press representative today, said:

"I hope to remain here for a week or ten days, during which I shall visit Chicago. I have not attempted to do any business since my arrival, having given all my time to the Shamrock. You may not believe it, but I have more than 200 unopened letters which simply had to wait until these races were over.

"I have nothing to say concerning the result of the race, except that my boat was not fast enough, and that she was fairly and squarely beaten. The Columbia is a wonderful yacht, and I have been more than fairly treated by my competitors."

Sir Thomas was very much impressed by the cordial manner in which he was received on board the Corsair yesterday by Commodore J. Pierpont Morgan and Mr. Iselin and his party, who had sailed on the Columbia.

"They are a fine set of men and true sportsmen," added Sir Thomas.

#### PULLMAN WAGNER CONSOLIDATION.

Wagner People Are to Be Paid in Stock of the Pullman Company.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—The following statement has been issued by the board of directors of the Pullman Palace Car Company.

"It is announced negotiations have been concluded between the boards

of directors of the Pullman and Wagner companies subject to the ratification of the respective stockholders by which the Pullman company will purchase all the assets and property of the Wagner Company, including its contracts with railroad companies, paying, therefore, 200,000 shares of Pullman stock—the capital stock of the Pullman company to be increased accordingly for that purpose."

#### A HOME FOR DEWEY.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—The Dewey house committee, which has in charge the purchase of a home for the admiral with moneys received by popular subscription, have selected a house at No. 1747 Rhode Island avenue, northwest, known as the Fitch house.

#### WOMEN AGAINST POLYGAMY.

When earnest discussion going on in very influential sections as to whether it should be so easy for men through the medium of divorce to have a number of wives on the tandem principle, it is quite natural there should be a strong feeling against their possessing a lot of them, as it were, abreast. One of the latest forms in which this latter notion has taken expression is the meeting of women in New York, the other day, when Miss Helen Gould and other ladies put the judgment upon record that Mr. Roberts, the polygamous member of congress from Utah, should not be permitted to occupy a seat in the lower house.

There are apparently a lot of tendencies at work to make the family circle of less influence and sanctity in this country than was the case once upon a time. Yet with our complex social organization and the exceptional ideas of freedom of individual action that prevail in America, it is generally felt to be more than difficult to grapple with these destructive influences as a whole. But inasmuch as in the process of curing constitutional disease much is gained by the reestablishment of partial healthy conditions, something might be won in the way of greater respect for the marriage institution, and the household as its chief sanctuary, if public opinion, expressed through the most representative body of our national legislature, were to follow the suggestion of this New York gathering and put, if legally possible, the stamp of severest disapproval on the many-wived gentlemen from the Mormon state, and through him upon all who work directly or indirectly for the desecration of marriage and the consequent destruction of the home.

### A SIMPLE STORY OF AN INDIAN

#### HIS FOLLY IN GROWING WISE

Danger of a Little Learning Illustrated by a Tale Told to an Astorian Reporter.

On the Siletz Indian agency, located near Yaquina bay, are gathered the remnants of three or four coast tribes. These Indians are inferior as a rule to those of the interior, but there are occasionally pleasing exceptions.

When a new agent, whose name might be Linton, took charge a few years ago, following a change of administration in the national government, he followed the advice of his predecessor and retained in the office an Indian boy who had developed a surprising aptitude for book-keeping. His school experience was confined to a few brief terms under the agency teacher yet his words were well chosen and his grammar good. He seemed to be a born accountant.

The new agent had one fault that often interfered with his purely personal material interests. He was conscientious. Thus it was that he was aware of an uncomfortable sensation as he watched Joe Dare nimbly figuring at his desk, and the more expert Joe grew, the more uneasy Mr. Linton felt.

One day while glancing rather carelessly through a bible (for even Indian agents sometimes read the good book) his eyes fell on the printed question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" A proverb says, "a word to the wise is sufficient," and Mr. Linton made a resolution that would deprive him of a valuable help and quiet the inner moral prompter. Joe must have every educational advantage that this benign government of ours affords to its dusky wards.

So off to the Chemawa school went Joe, but his mental activity so impressed the superintendent that in a few months arrangements were made for young Dare to take a course at Carlisle and east he went.

Mr. Linton heard from him occasionally through letters from Joe himself and sometimes a professor would write. From the latter he learned that Joe was a leader in his studies and a favorite in the football field.

As time passed on young Dare's letters began to wear a tinge of melancholy. They grew shorter and fewer until they ceased altogether.

Three years after Dare's departure Mr. Linton received a letter from Carlisle that startled and grieved him.

Joe's conduct, it said, had of late grown so blameworthy that it was deemed best to return him to the agency. The writer added that Joe had been one of the most promising young men in the school and his lapse was unaccountable. He took no one into his confidence and threats and kindness were alike unavailing to win explanations or to induce him to mend his ways. His influence was detrimental and in despair the controlling board decided to send him home.

There was an athletic grace and ease in his movements as he alighted from the stage and walked up to the agent's office. His clothes had a fashionable cut and the few words he exchanged with those who welcomed him back bore evidences of culture and education. But there was a defiant look about his face and traces of dissipation in his eyes.

Mr. Linton received him with a hearty kindness and after the words of greeting said: "Well, Joe, I would like to have you back in the office with me, if you care to take up that work again."

"No, Mr. Linton," he answered, "I thank you, but it wouldn't do." You would regret it. I will tell you as I will tell no man again, that the realization of my limitations has beaten me. I am an Indian. I can be nothing but an Indian. All I have learned and all my association with the world have simply shown me how much I have missed by being an Indian. It is useless to labor with me. The agony is unendurable. I am going henceforth to be simply what I am—an Indian—only an Indian. Good-by.

On the Siletz Indian agency today there is none so rough and wretched, so thoroughly, hopelessly degraded, as Joe Dare. One day the agent found him lying under a tree, heavily intoxicated. His shirt was open, exposing a silken cord circling his neck. Suspended from the cord the agent discovered a handsome locket and in it the pretty, smiling face of a white maiden. He put the locket back, and he thinks he understands.

#### A SOUND SLEEPER.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Queer case of that western man in New York Saturday night, wasn't it?"

"What was that?"

"Went to sleep sitting on a fire hydrant. Fire broke out in the neighborhood, firemen coupled on to hydrant and pumped away for two hours without disturbing him. Fire kept on getting closer, and pretty soon the western man began to feel warm. Then he half awoke, stretched himself and muttered, 'Darned glad I laid here long enough for Maria to git up an' make the fire.'"

The Rev. Sam Small, the revivalist, will be a partner in a newspaper to be established in Cuba. The enterprise has bright prospects of success, since another partner of Francis Atwater, financial agent of the Red Cross Society, and the paper will be an administration organ. The job department is to publish the first city directory Havana has ever had.

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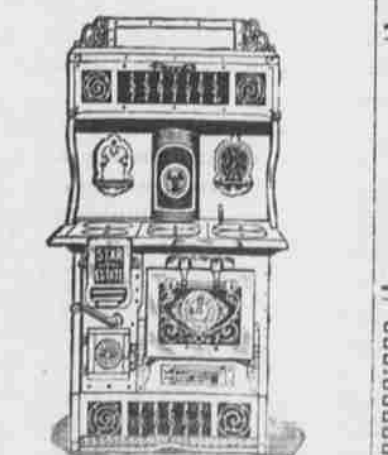
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